

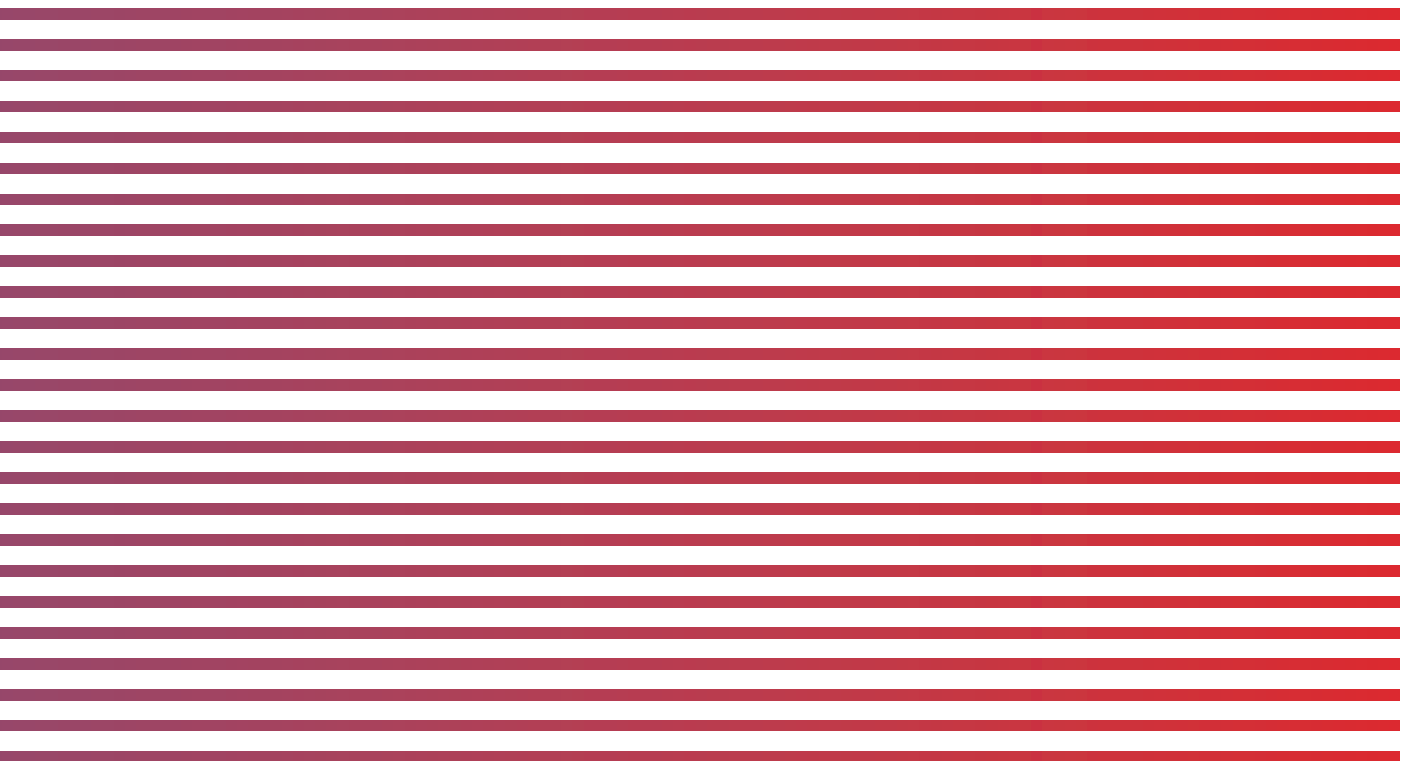


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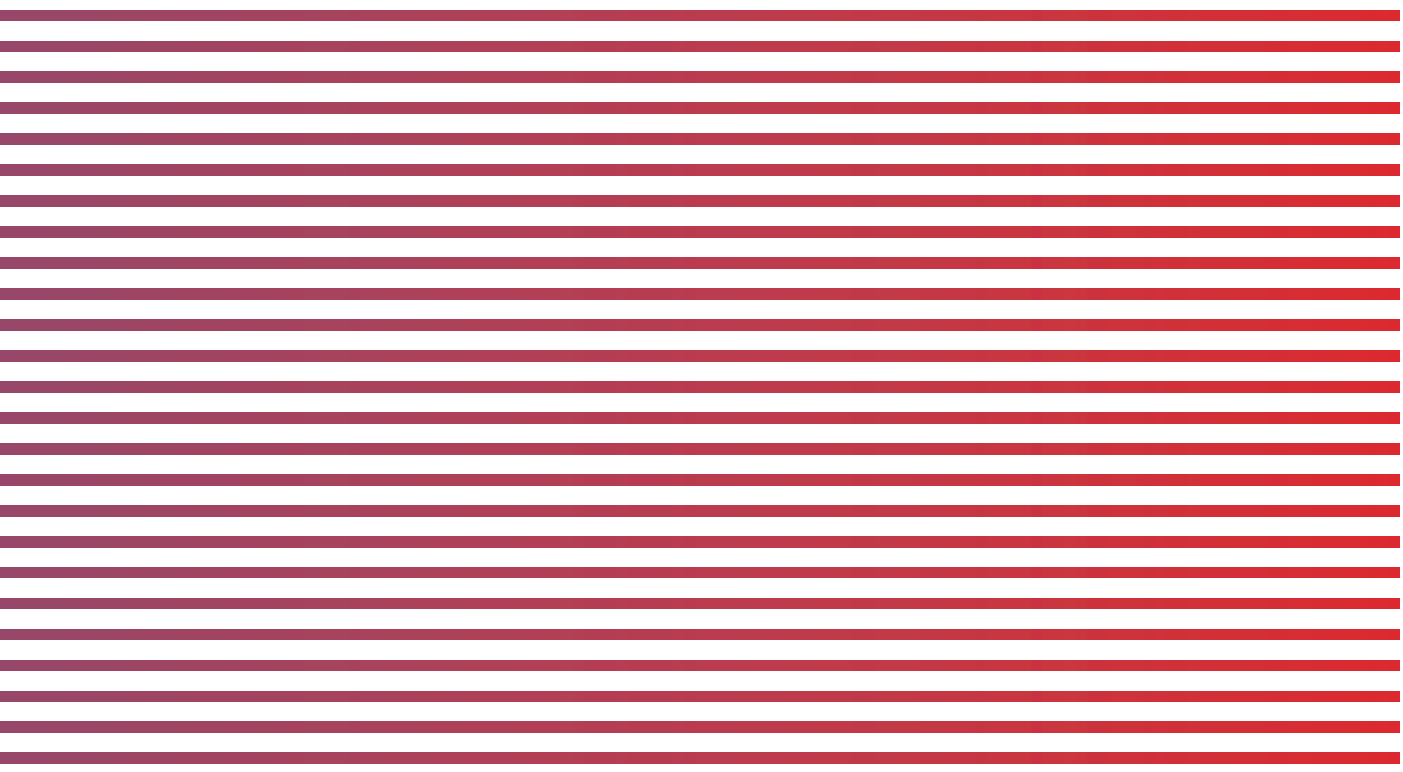


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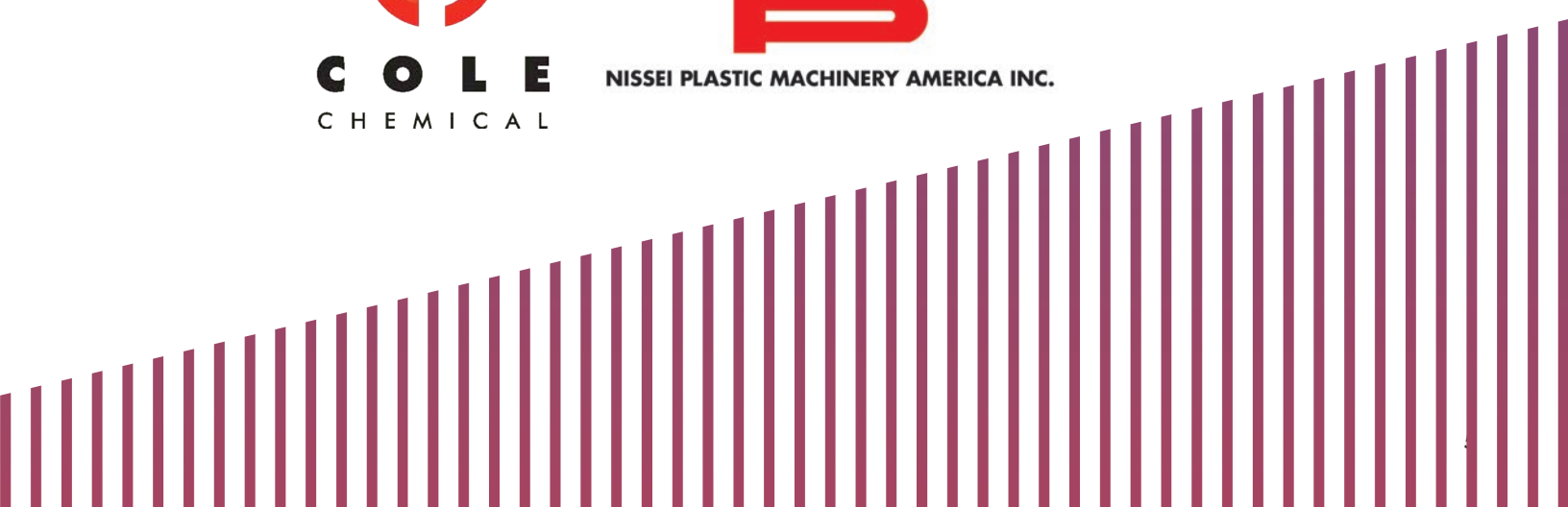
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**7:30 A.M. – 8:00 A.M.**

**REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST OPEN**

**Room 225ABC**

Registration opens early. Delegates are invited to enjoy breakfast and some early networking in the room prior to the opening ceremony.

**8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.**

**OPENING CEREMONY AND PLENARY SESSION**

**Room 225ABC**

Posting of flags by high school students from Summer of Service (SOS) and presentation of the national anthems of Japan and the United States of America.

Inauguration of symposium with participation by distinguished invitees in the following order:

**Mr. Michael Hyatt**

*Senior Vice President - Investments, UBS Financial Services; Chairman Emeritus of Sister Cities International & Chair of Texas State Host Committee*

**Councilwoman Rebecca Viagran**

*San Antonio City Councilwoman & Chair of local host committee*

**Mr. Shin Koyamada**

*Chairman, Koyamada International Foundation; Board member, Sister Cities International; CEO, Shinca*

**Mr. Roger-Mark De Souza**

*President and CEO, Sister Cities International*

**Mayor Ron Nirenberg**

*Mayor of San Antonio; Chairman, Sister Cities International*

**Judge Peter Sakai**

*Judge-225th District Court Bexar County and Board member, US-Japan Council*

**Judge Nelson Wolff**

*Bexar County Judge*

**Secretary David Whitley**

*Secretary of State of Texas representing Governor Greg Abbott*

**Congressman Joaquin Castro**

*U.S. Congressman; Co-Chair of U.S. Japan Caucus*

**Mr. Rick A. Ruth**

*Senior Advisor, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State*

**Ambassador Kazutoshi Aikawa**

*Minister Plenipotentiary and Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Japan in the United States of America; (A Letter from Mrs. Akie Abe, the Spouse of the Prime Minister of Japan, reading by KIF President Nia Lyte)*

**9:00 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.**

**MORNING SESSION 1**

**10:15 A.M. – 10:45 A.M.**

**COFFEE BREAK**

**Foyer Area**

**10:45 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**

**MORNING SESSION 2**

# MORNING SESSION 1

9:00 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

## **TRACK 1: Economic: Why Do Japanese Companies Choose Texas?**

### **Room 225D**

This session explores factors that drive Japanese companies to choose Texas, including how cultural similarities between Japan and Texas fuel business success. Japan is the No.1 international job creator in the United States, with Texas being a major beneficiary.

#### **Mr. Leo Gomez**

*President and CEO, Brooks (Moderator)*

#### **Mr. Takaoki Niwa**

*President and CEO, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries America, Inc.*

#### **Ms. Jenna Saucedo-Herrera**

*President and CEO, San Antonio Economic Development Foundation*

#### **Mr. Hozumi Yoda**

*President, Nissei Plastic Industry*

#### **Mr. Nobuaki Yokoo**

*President, Japan America Society of San Antonio*

## **TRACK 2: Cultural: Education and the Value of Japanese Culture and Language to U.S. Audiences**

### **Room 221D**

This session highlights the value of teaching Japanese culture, language and history to U.S. audiences. It emphasizes outreach and educational efforts that are building a greater understanding and appreciation of Japanese culture and language.

#### **Mr. Takehiro Shimada**

*Minister for Communications & Cultural Affairs, Embassy of Japan (Moderator)*

#### **Dr. Makiko Fukuda**

*Japanese Senior Lecturer, University of Texas in San Antonio*

#### **Mr. Hideki Hara, Director**

*The Japan Foundation, Los Angeles*

#### **Mr. Edson Kodama**

*Executive Vice President SARAYA International Inc.*

#### **Dr. Naoko Ozaki**

*Lecturer in Japanese - Rice University*



# MORNING SESSION 2

10:45 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

## **TRACK 1: Economic: Trade and Investment: Future Directions**

### **Room 225D**

This session explores the importance of trade and investment between the two countries and explores the current trade negotiations in process between the United States and Japan.

#### **Mr. Joshua Walker**

*Global Head of Strategic Initiatives and Japan, Eurasia Group (Moderator)*

#### **Mrs. Paula Gold-Williams**

*President and CEO of CPS Energy*

#### **Dr. Fumiaki Kubo**

*Vice Chairman, U.S.-Japan Conference on Cultural and Educational Interchange (CULCON); Professor at University of Tokyo*

#### **Mr. Jim Perschbach**

*President & CEO, Port San Antonio*

#### **Mr. Yasuhiro Uozumi**

*Executive Director, Keidanren USA*

#### **Mr. Hiroyuki Watanabe**

*Director, Texas Japan Office in Tokyo*

## **TRACK 2: The Importance of NEXGEN in the Japan US Bilateral Relationship**

### **Room 221D**

This session explores the importance of the next generation and youth in the bilateral relationships within the Japan – US context.

#### **Mr. Shin Koyamada**

*Chairman, Koyamada International Foundation; Board member, Sister Cities International; CEO, Shinca (Moderator)*

#### **Mr. Masafumi Ishida**

*Vice President, Junior Chamber International in Japan (JCI)*

#### **Mr. Arrey Obenson**

*Secretary General, Junior Chamber International (JCI)*

#### **Dr. Hiroki Takeuchi**

*Director, Sun & Star Program on Japan and East Asia and Associate Professor Associate of Political Science, Southern Methodist University*

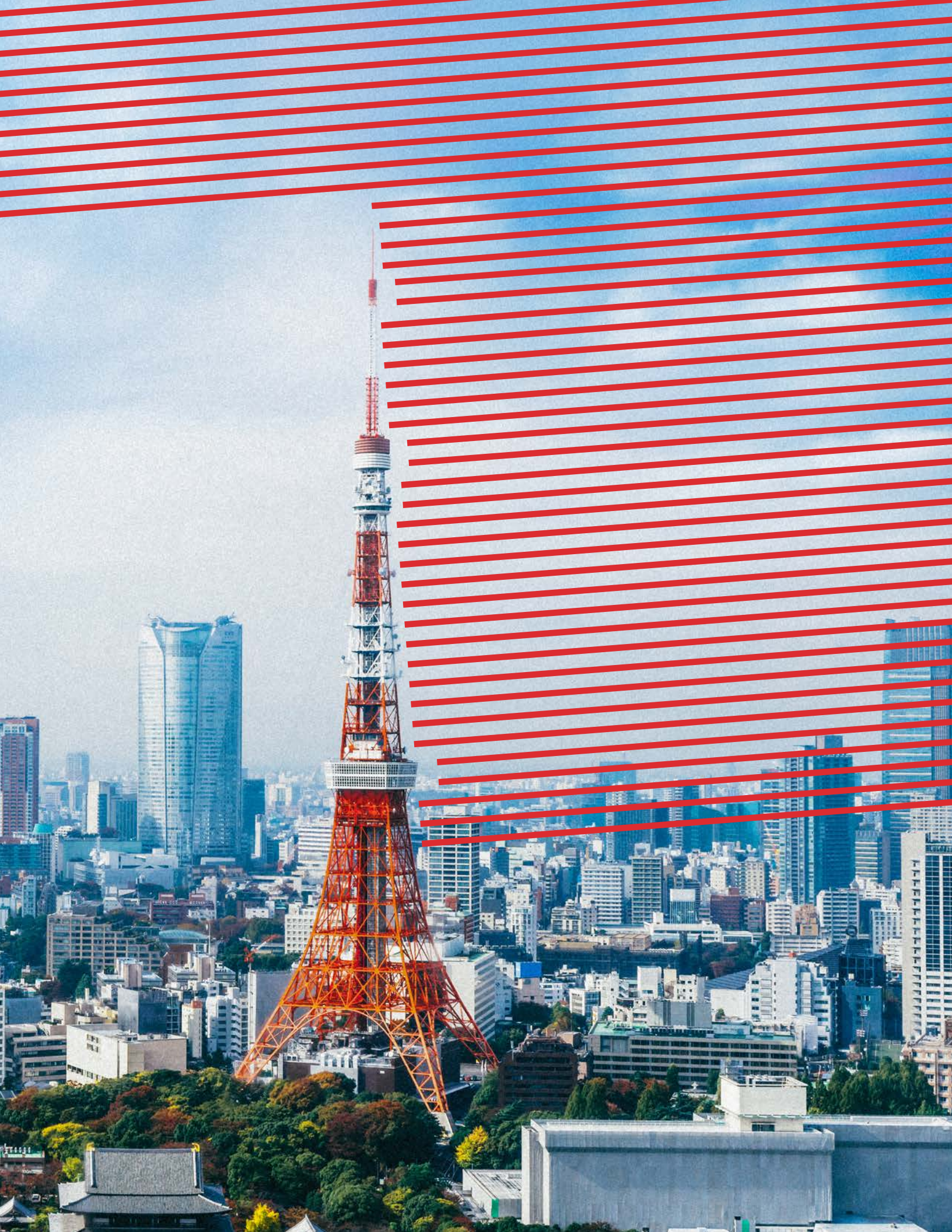
#### **Ambassador Haruhisa Takeuchi**

*Advisor to Daiwa House and Former Ambassador of Japan to Singapore; Professor at the University of Tokyo*

#### **Mr. Michael Turner**

*Culture & Sports Attaché, U.S. Embassy, Tokyo*





**12:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.**

**LUNCHEON**  
**Room 221ABC**

**Keynote Speech on Citizen Diplomacy**

The luncheon keynote highlights the importance of citizen diplomacy in bilateral relations.

**Ms. Ruth Cotter**

*Senior Vice President of Worldwide Marketing, Human Resources and Investor Relations, AMD (Introduction)*

**Mrs. Karen Pence**

*Second Lady of The United States*

**Panel Discussion: Women's Leadership through Citizen Exchanges on Bilateral Relations**

This session will examine the value of citizen exchanges to create and sustain opportunities for women's leadership with examples from the United States & Japan.

**Ms. Nia Lyte**

*President, Koyamada International Foundation; Country Representative for Colombia & Women Empowerment at Sister Cities International (Moderator)*

**Ms. Ruth Cotter**

*Senior Vice President of Worldwide Marketing, Human Resources and Investor Relations, AMD*

**Ms. Misako Ito**

*Secretary-General, U.S.-Japan Conference on Cultural and Educational Interchange (CULCON)*

**Ms. Tae Namba**

*Director of GPSP Support Bureau; Board Member, Association of Medical Doctors of Asia (AMDA)*

**Mrs. Karen Pence**

*Second Lady of The United States*

**1:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.**

**AFTERNOON SESSION 1**

**2:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

**COFFEE BREAK**  
**Foyer Area**

**3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.**

**AFTERNOON SESSION 2**



# AFTERNOON SESSION 1

1:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.

## **TRACK 1: Economic: Opportunities for Small and Medium Businesses**

### **Room 225D**

This session examines opportunities to attract and sustain smaller companies and business operations and the importance of looking to these outside markets to facilitate growth in this sector with reference to the Japan – US context.

#### **Mr. Rene Dominguez**

*Director of Economic Development, City of San Antonio (Moderator)*

#### **Ms. Donna Cole**

*President and CEO, Cole Chemical; Board member, US-Japan Council*

#### **Mr. Toshinaga Hirai**

*Chief Executive Director, JETRO Houston*

#### **Mr. Max Navarro**

*Chairman, Board of Directors Vutex Inc. and Operational Technologies*

#### **Mr. Al Salgado**

*Interim Director, Institute of Economic Development, University of Texas at San Antonio*

## **TRACK 2: Cultural/Diplomacy: Serving Those Who Serve**

### **Room 221D**

This session honors the role of those who have served including an acknowledgment of U.S.-Japan military relationships and the role of people to people exchanges in such areas of disaster mitigation and recovery.

#### **Mr. Tim Quigley**

*Chair Emeritus, Sister Cities International; President, Sister Cities International Foundation (Moderator)*

#### **Mr. Koichiro Bansho**

*Advisor, National Security Secretariat of Japan; Retired Lt. General, Japan Ground Self-Defense Force*

#### **Mr. William R. Farrell**

*PhD. Honorary Consul of Japan for Rhode Island and Past Chair of National Japan American Society; Professor of Naval College*

#### **Mr. Edward Rice**

*Retired former commander of Air Education and Training Command in San Antonio*

# AFTERNOON SESSION 2

3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

## **TRACK 1: Economic: Workforce and Manufacturing, Opportunities in the Automotive Sector** **Room 225D**

This session presents automation and robotics in the automotive sector and how such innovations are shaping an entire industry especially its workforce.

### **Mr. Robert McKinley**

*Vice Chancellor of Economic and Workforce Development, Alamo Colleges (Moderator)*

### **Mr. Walt Downing**

*Executive Vice President, Southwest Research Institute*

### **Mr. David Marquez**

*Executive Director of Economic Development & Community Planning, Bexar County*

### **Ms. Sandy Nott**

*Vice President, Toyota Motor Manufacturing Texas*

## **TRACK 2: Cultural/Diplomacy: The Role of Culture in Forging Bilateral Relations** **Room 221D**

This panel explores ways in which cultural experiences and exchanges in both countries have forged bilateral relations. It includes the role that volunteers play in developing cultural exchange opportunities.

### **Mr. John M. Stich**

*Honorary Consul-General of Japan in Dallas (Moderator)*

### **Dr. Peter Kelley**

*President, National Association of Japan-America Societies*

### **Mr. Matthew Gillam**

*Senior Researcher, Japan Local Government Center, New York*

### **Dr. Fumiaki Kubo**

*Vice Chairman, U.S.-Japan Conference on Cultural and Educational Interchange (CULCON); Professor of American Government & History, University of Tokyo*

### **Mr. Chris Tashima**

*Academy Award Winner for directing the short film *Visas and Virtues**





**4:10 P.M. – 4:25 P.M.**

**SISTER CITY CULTURAL SHOWCASE - PHOENIX FIRE**

**Foyer**

A new intercultural performance project for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Writer-composer and member of the music faculty at the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio introduces Phoenix Fire, which will premiere in March 2020 and then be taken to sister city Kumamoto and Tokyo. The presentation concludes with a performance of an excerpt by UIW students.

**Dr. Kevin Salfen**

*Writer and Composer of Phoenix Fire, Associate Professor of Music, University of the Incarnate Word*

Phoenix Fire excerpt features participation of 3-4 students from the University of Incarnate Word.

**4:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.**

**CLOSING REMARKS**

**Room 225ABC**

**Mr. Shin Koyamada**

*Chairman, Koyamada International Foundation; Board member, Sister Cities International; CEO, Shinca (Introduction)*

**Consul General Hideo Fukushima**

*Consul General of Japan in Houston*

**Mr. Roger-Mark De Souza**

*President and CEO, Sister Cities International*

**Mayor Ron Nirenberg**

*Mayor of San Antonio; Chairman, Sister Cities International*

**5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.**

**NETWORKING RECEPTION**

**Room 220**

Enjoy an art exhibit presented by local artist and native of Japan, Ms. Hiromi Stringer. This playful body of work entitled Cat Scratch Cat is a suite of seven diptych intaglio prints. Utilizing printmaking techniques, local artist and native Japanese Hiromi Stringer examines and makes fun of the relationship between words, meanings and images both in Japanese and English – all this simply by moving just one word around.

**5:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.**

**MUSICAL CONCERT BY KAORU WATANABE TRIO**

**Room 220**

**Mr. Suhail Arastu**

*Director of Advancement, Musical Bridges Around the World. (Introduction)*

**Mr. Kaoru Watanabe** - bamboo flute and taiko drumming

**Mr. Satoshi Takeishi** - percussion

**Ms. Maeve Gilchrist** - celtic harp

During the reception, there will be a short concert featuring Kaoru Watanabe who will be joined by percussionist Satoshi Takeishi and Celtic harpist Maeve Gilchrist both acclaimed for their innovative approach to their instruments.

This concert is organized by Musical Bridges Around the World in San Antonio (MBAW) which is a non-profit performing arts organization based in San Antonio with the mission to unite, educate and inspire through culturally diverse performing and visual arts programming. MBAW has been bringing Japanese music and culture to schools in San Antonio for many years.



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